

## **Aquatic Invasive Species Grants**

### **Project Ranking for Subchapter II – Education, Prevention and Planning Projects**

29 Maximum Points

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Water body has adequate public access, or access meets demand.

Yes = Rank and place in priority

No = Rank and place on the bottom of the priority list regardless of score

#### **A) The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.**

(Score cumulatively; maximum 6 points).

- 1) The project will conduct at least one educational workshop on aquatic invasive species and prevention methods. The workshops will disseminate information about aquatic invasive species consistent with the Department's statewide education strategy for controlling invasive species.  
1 point
- 2) The project will monitor, map and report data about the presence or absence of aquatic invasive species.  
1 point
- 3) The project will train volunteers to identify AIS and conduct surveillance monitoring for early detection.  
1 point
- 4) Project will produce a detailed plan that meets the specifications of NR 198.43(1).  
2 points
- 5) The project includes a Clean Boats, Clean Waters watercraft inspection program per the requirements of NR 198.22 (1)(d).  
1 point

#### **B) The degree to which the project will prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.**

(Score 1a or 1b, then 2 and 3; maximum of 4 points)

- 1a) AIS addressed by the project is nonexistent in the project location.  
1 point

**OR**

- 1b) AIS present, but is an isolated infestation where there are no other AIS infestations of the targeted species within 5 miles.  
1 point

- 2) Project location is in the headwaters of a drainage system, upstream of uninfested waters.  
1 point
- 3) Project location is likely a major source or destination for AIS spread as indicated by high public use, including: significant use by transient boaters, one or more fishing tournaments (involving boats) annually, and/or a popular destination for recreational boaters.  
2 points

**C) The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.**

(Score cumulatively maximum 3 points)

- 1) Project will produce proposed local ordinance language or lake rules to protect critical spawning beds; protect native plant beds; and/or prevent disturbance/spread of non native plant beds by implementing boating restrictions.  
1 point
- 2) Project will develop a plan for restoration of the native aquatic community.  
1 point
- 3) Project area has a high degree of native biodiversity or is critical habitat, as expressed by an above state average aquatic or wetland plant FQI; the presence of a listed aquatic species (NHI endangered, threatened or watch); is an ERW or ORW water; designated as a Sensitive Area; or is within or adjacent to a State Natural Area, State Park, other publicly owned unique natural area or an area owned/managed by a nonprofit conservation organization (e.g., Nature Conservancy).  
1 point

**D) The stage of the infestation in the water body.** (If the project isn't focused on a specific water body, consider the general level of infestation in the waters covered by the project; score 1a or 1b; maximum of 2 points.)

- 1a) Project addresses an AIS that is not present, or is a pioneer infestation (as defined by 198.12 (6)) in the waterbody or waterbodies in the study, or is a follow up to a rapid response project.  
2 points

**OR**

- 1b) Project addresses an AIS that is an established infestation in the waterbody or waterbodies in the study.  
1 point

**E) The degree to which the project will be likely to result in successful long-term control.**

(Score cumulatively, maximum of 4 points)

- 1) The project builds upon previous actions by the applicant – or other organizations – to address water quality or AIS in the waterbody (as evidenced by previously conducted projects), and the project provides opportunities to base future projects upon.  
1 point
- 2) Project is the result of – or creates – a partnership between the applicant and a local unit of government, school, lake organization or a nonprofit organization.  
2 points
- 3) Project includes development of a long range and diverse (not just AIS grants) funding strategy.  
1 point

**F) The availability of public access to, and public use of, the waterbody.**

(Score 1a or 1b, then 2 and 3; maximum of 3 points)

- 1a) The lake or river has more than the minimum public boating access as defined in NR 1.91 (4) (5) or (6).  
1 point

**OR**

- 1b) Wetland has public access.  
1 point
- 2) The lake or river exceeds maximum access as defined in NR 1.91 (4) (5) or (6).  
1 point
- 3) The water body is a heavily used public destination as indicated by significant other public access opportunities such as swimming beaches, park lands, public piers, multiple resorts, etc.  
1 point

**G) The degree to which the proposed project complements other management efforts.**

(Score cumulatively, maximum of 2 points)

- 1) The project is specifically recommended in a plan other than the sponsor's (county land and water resource plan, local comprehensive plan, other non-state plan).  
1 point

- 2) Project overlaps or dovetails with another stakeholder group's (lake association, another unit of government, non profit natural resource group) AIS educational project or management effort.

1 point

**H) Community support and commitment, including past efforts to control aquatic invasive species.**

(Score cumulatively; maximum of 2 points)

- 1) The project has financial support from additional management units, interest groups or organizations committing > 10% of the total project costs.

1 point

- 2) Sponsor or other stakeholder(s) on the waterbody or waterbodies have used control methods in the last 5 years to target the aquatic invasive species being studied by the project proposal.

1 point

**I) Whether the sponsor has previously received a grant for a similar project for the same water body.**

(Maximum of 1 point)

- 1) The sponsor has not received an AIS grant for a similar project on this water body(s) in the last five years.

1 point

**J) Whether the project involves multiple waterbodies.**

(Score 1a or 1b; maximum of 2 points)

- 1a) Project covers multiple waterbodies (a county-wide, town-wide effort) and involves multiple management groups (multiple lake associations, districts, etc.).

2 points

**OR**

- 1b) Project involves a chain of lakes or a watershed under a single management group.

1 point